Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transitioning a processor of a computer system into a low power mode, the system having a memory, a disk drive unit, and a shared database, the database to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the disk drive unit; and

after the processor has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within the shared database of the computing system, via a speech recognition unit of a low-power subsystem ~~transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode;~~

~~processing verbal interface with a low-power subsystem coupled with a computer system, the subsystem containing a speech recognition unit; and~~

~~after the processing unit has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory device of the computing system, via a low-power subsystem.~~

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the data contained in the shared database computing system includes multimedia data.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

presenting the data accessed to the user.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the data is displayed.

10.   (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a central processing unit;

a memory device coupled to the central processing unit; and

a <u>verbal</u> user interface to receive verbal instructions from a user; and

a low-power subsystem having a<u> shared</u>-database <u>to store at least a partial</u> <u>copy of data stored in the</u> ~~synchronized the~~-memory device<u>,</u> ~~and a~~ ~~processor with access to the database and~~ a voice recognition unit to interface with the <u>verbal</u> user interface ~~verbally~~<u>, and a processor to</u> <u>access the shared database,</u> the low-power subsystem in operation when the central processing unit enters a low power mode.

11.   (Original)   The system of claim 10, further comprising a housing unit containing the central processing unit and the low-power subsystem.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein data contained within the <u>shared</u> database includes multimedia data.

13.   (Original)   The system of claim 10, further comprising a wireless network interface.

14.   (Original)   The system of claim 13, wherein the wireless network interface connects with a local area network.

15. (Original) The system of claim 13 wherein the wireless network interface connects with a wide area network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising a video display to display data from the shared database.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the verbal user interface is wireless.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising an audio headset to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless verbal user interface.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a cellular phone to receive data transmitted from the wireless user interface.

20. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising:

transitioning a processor of a computer system into a low power mode, the system having a memory, a disk drive unit, and a shared database, the database to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the disk drive unit; and

after the processor has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within the shared database of the computing system, via a speech recognition unit of a low-power subsystem~~transitioning a processing unit of a computer system into a low power mode;~~

~~processing verbal interface with a low power subsystem coupled with the computer system, the subsystem containing a speech recognition unit;~~

~~and~~

~~after the processing unit has transitioned into the low power mode, accessing data contained within a memory of the computing system, via the low-power subsystem.~~

21.   (Canceled)

22.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, wherein the data contained in the computing system includes multimedia data.

23.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.

24.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.

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25.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 23, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

26.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 20, further comprising:

presenting the data accessed to a user.

27.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is presented via an audio medium.

28.   (Original) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is displayed.